



June

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Men's Health Month

National Hunger Awareness Month

PTSD Awareness Month

Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week (last week of June)

6/6 Hunger Day

6/7 National Cancer Survivors Day

6/8 World Brain Tumor Day

6/15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

6/18 Father's Day

6/18 Autistic Pride Day

6/19 World Sickle Cell Day

June Birthdays

6/6 Lacrosha Fitzpatrick

6/6 Charlotte Malvin

6/10 Thelma Hawkins

6/12 Julie Sharp

6/12 Amala Sista

6/15 Marsha Johnson

6/19 Shelley Hodge

6/16 Scotty Ward

6/23 Rochelle Allen

6/23 Iris Goacher

6/26 Gloria Tharp

6/27 Jason Carter Wagner

6/27 Melissa Ingram-Davis

6/27 Tamiko Johnson

Men, it's all about you!

Don't Forget to
WEAR BLUE

Friday, June 16th

#showusyourblue
@MensHlthNetwork



JUNE is Men's Health Month!

Anchored by a Congressional health education program, Men's Health Month is celebrated across the country with screenings, health fairs, media appearances, and other health education and outreach activities. The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. This month gives health care providers, public policy makers, the media, and individuals an opportunity to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury.

Merit Pay News

By now, you may have heard that Governor Hutchinson has approved merit pay. Director Gillespie noted in her weekly address the following. "Merit bonuses will be paid as follows (based on performance evaluations): Exceeds Standards 3%, Above Average 2%, Satisfactory 1%. However, this is the

last year for lump sum merit bonuses. With the implementation of the new pay plan, which I told you earlier this year DHS is committed to implementing July 1, merit pay will be awarded as salary increases based on performance." This is great news!



Conway HDC Garden Project in partnership with the AmeriCorps NCCC group



Booneville HDC + AmeriCorps



BHDC Superintendent Jeff Gonyea and staff hosted a luncheon for the AmeriCorps members on their last day of service in Booneville. He shared these parting words, "They have done a great job and have been a pleasure to work with, the other HDC's will enjoy them."

Southeast Arkansas HDC staff volunteer at the Bradley County Health Fair & Community Garden Project

Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center Staff Volunteer at Bradley County Health Fair

The annual Bradley County Health Fair was held Saturday, April 29th at the Donald W. Reynolds YMCA in downtown Warren. Several staff from SEAHDC volunteered at the event, which provided free health screenings and community education regarding health related issues to those who participated. SEAHDC nursing staff assisted with screenings while Rehabilitation, QA and administrative staff worked in the children's area providing games and activities to children who attended the event. The event was a huge success, with over 400 participants. SEAHDC staff were proud to assist in providing this valuable service to the community.



A nice crowd of community leaders, staff and clients of the Human Development Center gathered Monday afternoon, May 1st to break ground for the community garden to be implemented on the western grounds of the Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center. Superintendent Mark Wargo welcomed everyone and described the project that is to be put in place. It will consist of a series of gardens to be worked by the clients of the Center along with volunteers from the community. Everyone is invited to participate.





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Scavenger Hunt winners: **Amanda Smith 19/20** and **Avis Lane 20/20** with DDS Director, Melissa Stone. Thank you Melissa and Tommy for the appreciation prizes!



Comments, Suggestions, Q&A

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